officers.

To the west, on the road leading to Baltfeld, an Austrian corps was attacked by Russians at Rycliatzi, on a front descending from Ryg to Yodiov.

ins are reported to have cal

Retreat of Russians Seen by London as Strategy Plan

IN SEVERE ATTACKS

Report Advances Both in Flanders, Near Coast, and in Argonne.

PROGRESS MAY COST THEM DEAR

fore Germans Are Driven Out of Present Positions.

Dec. 23.—The Petrograd French War Office this afternoon re-

French Claim Gain of

ALLIES GAIN AGAIN | Half of French Territory Won by Enemy Recaptured

Havre, Dec. 23 .- A comparison of the present situation with that on September 1 shows that the Allies have recovered about half of the terrionce occupied by the Germans, according to French figures. The percentages of the territory of each of twelve French departments or prov-

inces held then and now by the enemy are given as follows:

Heavy Casualty Lists Likely Be- BELGIAN KING THANKS AMERICA FOR FOOD GIFT

He then wrote in English the follow

"King of the Belgians." Best Country Inundated.

King is free from the danger o

Whitlock and Gibson Praised.

King Albert repeated his expressions appreciation of American relief for people as the correspondent was but to leave, especially singling out and Whitlock, the American Minister ut to leave, especially singing our mid Whitlock, the American Minister Belgium, and Hugh S. Gibson, secrety of the legation, for their efforts Belgium's behalf. He declared that Whitlock had done splendid work Brussels as the mediator between Belgian people and their controls and expressed the hope that Whitlock would remain at his post if the end of the war.

King Commander in Fact. King Albert is the commander of his

KAISER TO SEND CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

All His Soldiers Will Receive It Through the General Staff.

U. S. MAY BE MONEY MARKET OF WORLD

"Statist," Approving Sale of Arms to All to End War, So Prophesies.

British Soldier's Wife Lives on \$5 a Week

London, Dec. 13 .- Some of the English women's journals have been discussing with their readers the best way in which a soldier's wife can live on her "allowance" while her husband is at the front. Here is the way one woman provides for herself and two children on a total income of \$5 a week: Insurance ...

Vegetables

LILLE IS STARVING; ITS PLEA HELD UP

Germans Accused of Not Forwarding Appeal to Switzerland.

The state of the s

London, Dec. 24.—"The Daily Telegraph" publishes the following dispatch from Havre, dated December 23:
"After looting jewels, silver furniture, pianos, and even women's clothing, the Germans at Brussels proceeded to take possession of collections of medals in the Chamber of Representatives. The German officers who had quarters there carried off all the gold, silver and silver-gilt articles. French Embassy Hears

Allies Have Advanced into Poland along a front which runs from a point to the southeast of Plotter with the first punalec, and they occupy a line from Grybow to Smigrod to Smig



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Germans Spare Town in

Which Dying Prince

Was Tended.

ticular interest in an eighteen-year-old German lieutenant who was brought unconscious into the hospital at Maubeuge and died three days later, the little manufacturing city of Maubeuge has been highly favored by its German conquerors, and is enjoying a greater degree of freedom than any of the other French border towns in German territory.

French chasseur and died without re-

FOR THREE TURKS Court Martial in Messoudieh Case Finds Officers

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